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EDUCATION

2018 Ph.D. Sociology. The University of Oklahoma.

Comprehensive Exam Areas: (1) Family and (2) Criminology and Deviance

2014 M.A. Sociology. The University of Oklahoma.

2011 B.S. Sociology. Brigham Young University-Idaho.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018-Present. **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University

2016-2018 **Adjunct Professor**, Department of Sociology, Oklahoma City Community College

2015-2018 **Instructor**, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma

2011 **Instructor**, Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University-Idaho

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Gender, Deviance, & Crime

Intimate Partner Violence

Child Health & Wellbeing

Incarceration

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles¹

Reese, Braden*, Hayley Pierce, and **Melissa S. Jones** (In press). "Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Later Delinquency: Considering the Role of Middle Childhood Risk Factors." *Deviant Behavior*.

Kernan, Ashley*, **Melissa S. Jones**, Peter S. Lehmann, and Ryan C. Meldrum. (In press). "The Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender, and the Prevalence of Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors." *Preventive Medicine Reports*.

Jones, Melissa S., Hayley Pierce, and Hannah Shoaf*. (In press). "Early Exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences and Delinquent Peer Association Among Youth." *Family Relations*.

*Graduate student co-author, **undergraduate student co-author

- Jones, Melissa S.**, and John P. Hoffmann (authors contributed equally) 2023. "Measuring Adverse Childhood Experiences with Latent Class Trajectories." *Child Abuse & Neglect* 140:106142.
- Jackson, Dylan B., **Melissa S. Jones**, Daniel C. Semenza and Alexander Testa. 2023. "Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adolescent Delinquency: A Theoretically Informed Investigation of Mediators during Middle Childhood." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 20(4):3202.
- Pierce, Hayley, **Melissa S. Jones**, Hannah Shoaf*, and Mackenzie Heim*. 2023. "Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Positive Functioning During Adolescence." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 52:913-930.
- Jones, Melissa S.** Meredith G. F. Worthen, Mackenzie Heim*, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. 2023. "Differences in Adverse Childhood Experiences and Coercive Control Among Native American and Non-Native American Justice-Involved Women." Special Issue of *Victims & Offenders*, 18(1):51-76. Reprinted in *Vulnerable Victimization* (forthcoming 2024), edited by Philip Mulvey and Shelly Clevenger. London, Routledge.
- Holcombe, Emley A.*, **Melissa S. Jones**, Peter S. Lehmann, and Ryan C. Meldrum. 2023. "Differential Exposure to Adverse Childhood Experience Among Florida High School Students: The Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender." *Journal of Adolescent Health* 72(4):553-559.
**Findings reported in *The Hill*, *SIPA News FIU*
- Worthen, Meredith G. F., and **Melissa S. Jones**. 2023. "The Role of Family Support in Gay and Lesbian Individuals' Experiences of Sexual Identity-Based Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence: An Empirical Test of Norm-Centered Stigma Theory." *Deviant Behavior* 44(3):456-474.
- Jones, Melissa S.**, Hayley Pierce, and John P. Hoffmann 2023. "Gender Differences in Adverse Childhood Experiences, Self-Control, and Delinquency." *Crime & Delinquency* 69(6-7):1256-1281.
- Testa, Alexander, Dylan B. Jackson, **Melissa S. Jones**. 2022. "Incarceration Exposure During Pregnancy and Father's Acknowledgement of Paternity." *Social Problems*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spac039>
- Jones, Melissa S.**, Hayley Pierce, and Kevin Shafer. 2022. "Gender Differences in Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Youth Psychological Distress." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 83:101925.
- Jones, Melissa S.**, Tacey M. Shurtliff*, and Julie Gerlinger. 2022. "Racial Differences in the Effects of Early Adverse Childhood Experiences on Delinquency: The Role of Middle Childhood Mechanisms." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 82(3):101977.

- Pierce, Hayley, **Melissa S. Jones**, and Emley A. Holcombe*. 2022. "Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Social Skills Among Youth in Fragile Families." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 51:1497-1510.
- Hoffmann, John P., and **Melissa S. Jones**. 2022. "Cumulative Stress and Adolescent Substance Use: A Review of Twenty-First Century Literature." *Trauma, Violence & Abuse* 23(3):891-905.
- Jones, Melissa S.**, Hayley Pierce, and Constance L. Chapple. 2022. "Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Self-Control Development Among Youth in Fragile Families." *Youth & Society* 54(5):806-832.
- Foster, Kathryn*, **Melissa S. Jones**, Hayley Pierce (authors contributed equally). 2022. "Race and Ethnicity Differences in Police Contact and Perceptions of and Attitudes Toward the Police Among Youth." *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 49(5):660-680.
- Harris, Jacob, W.*, **Melissa S. Jones**, and Quin Monson. 2022. "Religion, Punitive Sentiment, and the Mediating Effect of Racial Resentment." *Journal of the Scientific Study of Religion* 61(1):142-160.
**Findings reported in *PsyPost*
- Pierce, Hayley, and **Melissa S. Jones**. 2022. "Gender Differences in the Accumulation, Timing, and Duration of Childhood Adverse Experiences and Youth Delinquency in Fragile Families." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 59(1):3-43.
**Findings reported in *KSL News*; *BYU News*; *Deseret News*
**Subject of interview on *BYU Radio*; *KNRS*
- Pierce, Hayley, **Melissa S. Jones**, and Benjamin G. Gibbs. 2022. "Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Exclusionary Discipline in High School." *Social Science Research* 101:102621.
- Jones, Melissa S.**, Meredith G. F. Worthen, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. 2021. "Native American and Non-Native American Women Prisoners, Childhood Adverse Experiences, and the Perpetration of Physical Violence in Adult Intimate Partner Relationships." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 36(23-24):11058-11087.
- Valencia, Janie, Demetropoulos*, Michael R. Cope, Carol J. Ward, **Melissa S. Jones**, and Kayci A. Muirbrook*. 2021. "Hopelessness and Youth Violent Behavior: A Longitudinal Study." *Deviant Behavior* 42(9):1130-1144.
- Chapple, Constance L., Hayley Pierce, **Melissa S. Jones**. 2021. "Gender, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and the Development of Self-Control." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 74:101811.
- Jones, Melissa S.**, B. Mitchell Peck, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. 2021. "Childhood Adversity and Intimate Partner Violence in Adulthood: The Mediating Influence of PTSD in a Sample of Women Prisoners." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 36(15-16):NP8590-NP8614.
- Jones, Melissa S.**, and Hayley Pierce. 2021. "Early Exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences and Youth Delinquent Behavior in Fragile Families." *Youth & Society* 53(5):841-867.

- Harris, Jacob W.**, and **Melissa S. Jones**. 2020. "Shaping Youths' Perceptions and Attitudes Toward the Police: Differences in Direct and Vicarious Encounters with Police." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 67:101674.
- Jones, Melissa S.**, Stephanie W. Burge, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. 2020. "Childhood Adversity, Mental Health, and the Perpetration of Physical Violence in the Adult Intimate Relationships of Women Prisoners: A Life Course Approach." *Child Abuse & Neglect* 101: 104237.
- Jones, Melissa S.** 2020. "Exploring Coercive Control, PTSD, and the Use of Physical Violence in the Pre-Prison Heterosexual Relationships of Incarcerated Women." *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 47(10):1299-1318.
- McLeod, David A., **Melissa S. Jones**, Susan F. Sharp, and Leah Gatlin*. 2019. "No Idle Threat: Coercive Control and Enacted Violence in the Pre-Prison Relationships of Incarcerated Women." *Violence and Victims* 34(3):452-473.
- Miller, Amy D.*, **Melissa S. Jones**, and Cyrus Schleifer. 2019. "The Overall and Gendered Effects of Post-Release Supervision on Recidivism: A Propensity Score Analysis." *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 46(7):1020-1043.
- Jones, Melissa S.**, Meredith G. F. Worthen, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. 2018. "Life as She Knows it: The Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Intimate Partner Violence Among Women Prisoners." *Child Abuse & Neglect* 85:68-75.
- Jones, Melissa S.**, Susan F. Sharp, and Meredith G. F. Worthen. 2018. "Broken Hearts and Battered Lives: Adverse and Abusive Life Histories and Externalized Responses to Anger as Pathways to Illicit Drug Use Among Incarcerated Women." *Women & Criminal Justice* 28(3):167-188.
- Jones, Melissa S.**, Meredith G. F. Worthen, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. 2018. "Bruised Inside Out: The Adverse and Abusive Life Histories of Incarcerated Women as Pathways to PTSD and Illicit Drug Use." *Justice Quarterly* 35(4):1004-1029.

Invited Book Chapters

- Jones, Melissa S.**, and John P. Hoffmann (Forthcoming). "Adverse Childhood Experiences and Homicide." Pp. XX-XX in *Routledge Handbook of Homicide Studies*, edited by Matthew J. DeLisi and Kyle A. Burgason, London: Routledge.
- Jones, Melissa S.** 2021. "Sex Crimes Against Children." Pp. 434-456 in *Sexual Deviance and Society: A Sociological Examination, 2nd Edition* by Meredith G. F. Worthen, London: Routledge.
- Jones, Melissa S.** 2016. "Sex Crimes Against Children." Pp. 384-399 in *Sexual Deviance and Society: A Sociological Examination* by Meredith G. F. Worthen, London: Routledge.

Encyclopedia Entry

Jones, Melissa S. 2019. Gang Rape. *The Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*, edited by Frances P. Bernat and Kelly Frailing. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. doi:10.1002/9781118929803.ewac0211

Book Review

Jones, Melissa S. 2019. Review of “The Routledge International Handbook of Rural Criminology,” edited by Joseph F. Donnermeyer. *Rural Sociology* 84(2): 418-419.

Report

Sharp, Susan F., **Melissa S. Jones**, and David. A. McLeod. 2014. “Oklahoma Study of Incarcerated Mothers and Their Children.” Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Boccio, Cashen, **Melissa S. Jones**, Daniel Semenza, and Dylan B. Jackson. “Prevalence and Correlates of Handgun Carrying Among Adolescents.” Under review at the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Christensen, J. Brock**, **Melissa S. Jones**, and John P. Hoffmann. “Bullying Victimization and Youth’s Likelihood of Carrying a Handgun.” Under Review at *Victims & Offenders*.

Chuang, Louis**, Harris, Jacob*, and **Melissa S. Jones**. “Race, Religion, and Death: How Do Racial Attitudes Contextualize the Relationship Between Religion and Support for Capital Punishment?” Under review at *the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Duraccio, Kara, Lance Erickson, **Melissa S. Jones**, and Hayley Pierce. (All authors contributed equally). “Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adolescent Sleep Outcomes.” Under review at *Child Abuse & Neglect* and has received an R&R.

Jones, Melissa S., Cashen Boccio, Daniel Semenza, and Dylan B. Jackson. “Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adolescent Handgun Carrying.” Under review at *Journal of Criminal Justice* and has received an R&R.

Jones, Melissa S., and Meredith G. F. Worthen. “Measuring the Prevalence and Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences in the Lives of LGBTQ Individuals: A Much-Needed Expansion.” Under review at *Child Abuse & Neglect*.

Jones, Melissa S., Hannah Dixon*, and John P. Hoffmann. “The Combined Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences and Neighborhood Quality on Child Health and Well-Being.” Under review at *Child Abuse & Neglect* and has received an R&R.

Worthen, Meredith G. F., and **Melissa S. Jones**. “Homophobia in the Country? Rural America and the Stigmatization of LGBTQ People: An Empirical Test of Norm-Centered Stigma Theory.” Under review at *Rural Sociology* and has received an R&R.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Hoffmann, John P., Ryan Gabriel, and **Melissa S. Jones**. "Substance Use Among Multiracial Youth." Targeted for *Substance Use & Misuse*.

Hoffmann, John P., and **Melissa S. Jones**. "The Continuity of Adverse Experiences from Childhood to Adolescence: Implications for Delinquent Behavior." Targeted for *Criminology*.

Hoffmann, John P., and **Melissa S. Jones**. "Family Structure and Adolescent Substance Use: Does the Gender of the Youth and Parent Matter?" Targeted for *Crime & Delinquency*.

Kernan, Ashley*, **Melissa S. Jones**, and Hayley Pierce. "Adverse Childhood Experiences and School Suspension among Florida High School Students." Targeted for *Child Abuse & Neglect*.

Kevorkian, Salpi*, **Melissa S. Jones**, Peter S. Lehmann, Cecilia Chouhy, and Ryan C. Meldrum. "Adverse Childhood Experiences, Gender, and Suicidality Among Florida High School Students: Examining Mediating Mechanisms." Targeted for *Child Abuse & Neglect*.

Jones, Melissa S., John P. Hoffmann, and Benjamin Wheelock*. "Rural-Urban/Suburban Differences in the Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Delinquency." Targeted for *Rural Sociology*.

Jones, Melissa S., Jane Smith Carlson*, and Julie Gerlinger. "Adverse Childhood Experiences and Bullying Behaviors Among Adolescents." Targeted for *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Jones, Melissa S., and Hannah Bozue**. "Women's Pathways to Violent Offending." Targeted for *Journal of Criminal Justice*.

Lehmann, Peter S., and Melissa S. Jones. "Bullying Victimization, Gender, and Adolescent Substance Use: The Paradox of School Connectedness." Targeted for the *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*.

Meldrum, Ryan C., Peter S. Lehmann, **Melissa S. Jones**, and Carter Hay. "Consistent Explanatory Power of Family Conflict Over Parental Socialization for Understanding Deficits in Self-Control: Evidence from a Sample of 150,000 Youth." Targeted for the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

Valdez, Catalina*, John P. Hoffmann, and **Melissa S. Jones**. "Shared Households: A New Perspective on Family Structure and Adolescent Substance Use." Targeted for *Social Science Research*.

Wiser*, Sally, **Melissa S. Jones** and Szilvia Biró* "From Victims to Violent Offenders: Understanding Patterns of Negative Life Experiences as Pathways to Violent Crimes in a Sample of Justice-Involved Women." Targeted for *Victims & Offenders*.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2023-2024 **Mary Lou Fulton Pre-CFS Early Career Faculty Award**, College of Family, Home, & Social Sciences, BYU. *This award encourages and acknowledges outstanding promise and contributions by faculty in the early stages of their academic career.* Includes one-year salary stipend of \$3,000 and \$5,000 in research funds.
- 2023 **Co-Principal Investigator**, Adverse Childhood Experiences among LGBTQ+ Individuals (\$40,000). Department of Sociology & College of Family, Home and Social Sciences, BYU. [grant awarded upon request]
- 2017-2018 **Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship**, (\$15,000), Office of the Provost, Graduate College, University of Oklahoma
- 2017 **Distinction in Teaching Award**, Office of the Provost, Graduate College, University of Oklahoma. *Given to honor the hard work and dedication of an outstanding graduate student who teaches at the University of Oklahoma.*
- 2017 **Alice Mary Robertson Award**, Women's and Gender Studies, University of Oklahoma. *Given to a graduate student whose scholarly or creative activity enhances the appreciation of the contributions made by women to the culture and progress of Oklahoma.*
- 2017 **Outstanding Ph.D. Student of the Year 2016-2017**, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
- 2015-2018 **Alumni Research Fellowship**, (\$12,500), Graduate College, University of Oklahoma
- 2014 **Outstanding M.A. Student of the Year 2013-2014**, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
- 2014 **George Kaiser Family Foundation**, (\$6,000), Co-Principal Investigator, Oklahoma Study of Incarcerated Women and Their Children. Sharp, Susan F., David A. McLeod, and Melissa S. Jones
- 2014 **Riddle Fellowship**, (\$2,000), Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Female Victimization: Does Childhood Abuse and IPV Predict Different Types of Crime?

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 Jones, Melissa S. "Where Grace and Mercy Meet." Disciple-Scholar Lecture, Department of Sociology, November 11, 2022, Brigham Young University.
- 2022 Jones, Melissa S. "The Effects of Childhood Adversity & Trauma on Outcomes Across the Life Course." Department of Sociology, February 7, 2022, The University of Oklahoma.

- 2021 Jones, Melissa S. “Fight, Flight, or Freeze? Modeling Life Course Pathways of Adverse Childhood Experiences.” Presented at Addictions Update: Science, Policy, & Treatment, June 4, 2021, Department of Psychiatry, and the Utah Department of Substance Abuse & Mental Health, University of Utah, Salt Lake City Utah.
- 2019 Jones, Melissa S. “Adverse Childhood Experiences and Lifelong Trauma in the Lives of Incarcerated Women.” Keynote Speaker at the Annual Women’s Symposium, November 12, 2019, Utah Department of Corrections, Sandy Utah.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Hoffmann, John P., and Melissa S. Jones. “Family Structure and Adolescent Substance Use: Does the Gender of the Youth and Parent Matter?” To be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 15-18) Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Jones, Melissa S., Daniel Semenza, Cashen Boccio, and Dylan B. Jackson. “Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adolescent Handgun Carrying.” To be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 15-18) Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Jones, Melissa S., Jane Smith Carlson*, and Julie Gerlinger. “Adverse Childhood Experiences and Bullying Behaviors Among Adolescents.” To be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 15-18) Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Kernan, Ashley*, Melissa S. Jones, Peter S. Lehmann, and Ryan C. Meldrum. “The Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender, and the Prevalence of Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors.” To be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 15-18) Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Kevorkian, Salpi*, Melissa S. Jones, Peter S. Lehmann, and Ryan C. Meldrum. “The Association Between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Suicidality Among Florida Youth in the Post-Pandemic Era.” To be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 15-18) Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Sally Wiser*, Jones, Melissa S., and Szilvia Biró* “From Victims to Violent Offenders: Understanding Patterns of Negative Life Experiences as Pathways to Violent Crimes in a Sample of Justice-Involved Women.” To be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 15-18) Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Christensen, James T.**, Melissa S. Jones, and John P. Hoffmann. “Bullying Victimization and Youth’s Likelihood of Carrying a Handgun.” The Western Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (February 2-4), Vancouver, Canada.
- 2022 Jones, Melissa S., Hayley Pierce, and John P. Hoffmann. “Gendered Differences in Adverse Childhood Experiences, Self-Control, and Delinquency.” The American Society of

Criminology Annual Meetings (November 16-19) Atlanta, GA.

- 2022 Melissa S. Jones, and John P. Hoffmann. "Latent Class Trajectories of Adverse Childhood Experiences: Implications for Criminological Outcomes." The American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 16-19) Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 Worthen, Meredith G. F., and Melissa S. Jones. "Family Support in Gay/Lesbian Individuals' Experiences of Sexual Identity-Based Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence." The American Sociological Association Annual Meetings in (August 5-9), Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Shafer, Kevin, Melissa S. Jones. "Combined Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences and Neighborhood Quality on Child Wellbeing." The American Sociological Association Annual Meetings (August 5-9), Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 Jones, Melissa S., Hayley Pierce, and Kevin Shafer. "Gender Differences in Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Youth Psychological Distress." The American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 17-20) Chicago, IL.
- 2021 Jones, Melissa S. Meredith G. F. Worthen, Mackenzie Heim*, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. "Differences in Adverse Childhood Experiences and Coercive Control Among Native American and Non-Native American Women Prisoners. The American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 17-20) Chicago, IL.
- 2021 Holcombe, Emley and Melissa S. Jones. "Gendered Differences in the Effects of Early Adverse Childhood Experiences on Adolescent Substance Use." The American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 17-20) Chicago, IL.
- 2021 Shurtliff, Tacey M. M.*, Melissa S. Jones, and Julie Gerlinger. "Racial Differences in the Effects of Early ACEs on Delinquency Among Youth." The American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 17-20) Chicago, IL.
- 2020 Chapple, Constance L., Hayley Pierce, Melissa S. Jones. "Gender, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Self Control: Exploring the Effects of Trauma on Gender Differences in Self-Control." Was to be presented at the American Society of Criminology (November 2020) Annual Meetings Washington, D.C., *cancelled due to Covid-19*.
- 2020 Jones, Melissa S., Kayci A. Muirbrook*, John P. Hoffmann, and Michael R. Cope. "Strain, Hopelessness, and Youth Delinquency: A General Strain Theory Approach." Was to be presented at the American Society of Criminology (November 2020) Annual Meetings Washington, D.C., *cancelled due to Covid-19*.
- 2020 Pierce, Hayley, and Melissa S. Jones. "Gender Differences in the Accumulation, Timing, and Duration of Childhood Adverse Experiences and Youth Delinquency in Fragile Families." Was to be presented at the American Society of Criminology (November 2020) Annual Meetings Washington, D.C., *cancelled due to Covid-19*.

- 2020 Shurtliff, Tacey M.*, Melissa S. Jones, John P. Hoffmann, and Ryan Gabriel. "ACEs and Substance Use: Understanding the Influence of Childhood Experiences on Substance Use in Adolescence Across Race and Ethnicity." Was to be presented at the American Society of Criminology (November 2020) Annual Meetings Washington, D.C., *cancelled due to Covid-19*.
- 2019 Jones, Melissa S., Meredith G. F. Worthen, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. "Native American and Non-Native American Women Prisoners, Childhood Adverse Experiences, and the Perpetration of Physical Violence in Adult Intimate Partner Relationships." The American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 13-16, 2019) San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 Jones, Melissa S. "Childhood Adversity, Mental Health, and the Perpetration of Physical Violence in the Adult Intimate Relationships of Women Prisoners: A Life Course Approach." Utah Criminal Justice Conference Annual Meeting (September 11, 2019), Utah Criminal Justice Center, University of Utah.
- 2019 Jones, Melissa S. "Professional Development: Achieving Professional/Personal Balance in Graduate School and Beyond." Discussant, The American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 13-16, 2019) San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 Jones, Melissa S., B. Mitchell Peck, Susan F. Sharp, David A. McLeod. "Childhood Adversity and Intimate Partner Violence in Adulthood: The Mediating Influence of PTSD in a Sample of Women Prisoners." WomenStats Annual Conference (July 18-19, 2019), Brigham Young University.
- 2018 Jones, Melissa S. "Exploring Coercive Control, PTSD, and the Use of Violence in the Pre-Prison Heterosexual Relationships of Incarcerated Women," **Session Chair**, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting (November 14-17, 2018) Atlanta, GA.
- 2017 Jones, Melissa S., Meredith G. F. Worthen, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. "Bruised Inside Out: The Adverse and Abusive Life Histories of Incarcerated Women as Pathways to PTSD and Illicit Drug Use." American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 15-18, 2017) Philadelphia, PA.
- 2015 Jones, Melissa S., Stephanie Burge, Susan F. Sharp, and David. A. McLeod. "The Effects of Childhood Abuse and Cumulative Adversity on Female Criminal Behaviors: A Life Course Perspective" American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 18-21, 2015) Washington D.C.
- 2015 Sharp, Susan F., David A. McLeod, and Melissa S. Jones. "Women Prisoners and Intimate Partner Violence: Victimization and Perpetration" American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 18-21, 2015) Washington D.C.
- 2014 Jones, Melissa S. "Broken Hearts and Battered Lives: Intimate Partner Violence and Substance Abuse among Female Offenders" American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 19-23, 2014) San Francisco, CA.

- 2013 Jones, Melissa S. "The Effects of Domestic Violence on the Types of Offenses of Incarcerated Women: A General Strain Theory Approach" American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 20-23, 2013) Atlanta, GA.

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2022 Dark, Stephen. "Two Sisters, Two Cities." Deseret News. Retrieved from: <https://www.deseret.com/utah/2022/1/10/22861706/divide-between-booming-home-prices-poverty-defined-two-sisters-lives-salt-lake-city-utah-housing>
- 2021 Top of Mind with Julie Rose, BYU Radio. "Childhood Adversity."
- 2021 Rascon, Dan. "BYU Studies Show Impact of Stress Before Age 5." ksltv.com. Retrieved from: <https://ksltv.com/458767/byu-studies-show-impact-of-stress-before-age-5/>
- 2021 Allen, Christie. "BYU Research: Childhood Adversity Shapes Adolescent Delinquency, Fatherhood." byu.news.edu. Retrieved from: <https://news.byu.edu/byu-research-childhood-adversity-shapes-adolescent-delinquency-fatherhood>

COURSES TAUGHT

Crime, Justice, and Corrections (undergraduate and graduate)
 Data Analysis, Presentation, and Management
 Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
 Introduction to Sociology
 Juvenile Delinquency
 Sociology of the Family
 Social Problems
 Women, Girls, & Crime

SERVICE

Discipline:

- 2023-Present. **Member**, Editorial Board, *Child Abuse & Neglect*
- 2022-Present. **Member**, Editorial Board, *Journal of Criminal Justice*
- 2022-2023 **Chair**, ASC Nominations Committee, Division of Victimology, American Society of Criminology
- 2021 **Member**, Nominations and Elections Committee, Division of Victimology, American Society of Criminology
- 2018-2019 **Mentor**, Dr. Christine Rasche Mentoring Program, Division of Women & Crime, American Society of Criminology
- Natalie Snow, Ph.D. Student, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- 2016-2017 **Student Editorial Board Member**, *Social Problems*
- 2013 **Program Assistant**, American Society of Criminology

Manuscript Reviewer

American Journal of Preventative Medicine, BMC Public Health, Child Abuse & Neglect, Children and Youth Services Review, Crime & Delinquency, Criminal Justice and Behavior, Feminist Criminology, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, International Journal of Law, Crime, and Justice, Journal of Adolescent Health, Journal of Affective Disorders, Journal of Child & Adolescent Mental Health, Journal of Child and Family Studies, Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Family Violence, Journal of Forensic Psychology: Research and Practice, Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Justice Quarterly, Preventative Medicine, Race and Social Problems, Scientific Reports, Social Problems, Social Science Research, Violence Against Women, Women & Criminal Justice, Youth & Society, Youth Justice

Departmental:

2023- Present. **Member**, Annual Evaluation Committee, Department of Sociology, BYU
 2022- Present. **Website and Social Media Coordinator**, Department of Sociology, BYU
 2021- Present. **Member**, Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology, BYU
 2021-2022 **Member**, Rank and Status Revisions Committee, Department of Sociology, BYU
 2022 **Member**, Annual Review Revisions Committee, Department of Sociology, BYU
 2021 **Judge**, Sociology Poster Conference, Department of Sociology, BYU
 2018-2021 **Member**, Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, BYU
 2017-2018 **Member**, Early Child Development Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
 2016-2017 **President**, Sociology Graduate Student Board (SGSB), University of Oklahoma
 2016-2017 **Member**, Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
 2016 Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Representative, Department of Sociology, Student Government Association, University of Oklahoma
 2014 -2018 **Board Member**, Sociology Graduate Student Board (SGSB), University of Oklahoma

University & College:

2023- Present. **Member**, FHSS College Awards Committee, BYU
 2021-2023 **Member**, FHSS College Research Committee, BYU
 2020-2021 **Member**, Emmeline B. Wells and Women's Research Initiative Grant Awards Committee, Global Women Studies, BYU
 2019-2022 **Judge**, FHSS Fulton Conference (Sociology), BYU
 2019 **Panelist**, "Women's Grad School Panel," Political Affairs Society, BYU
 2018- Present. **Faculty Affiliate**, Global Women Studies, Brigham Young University
 2015-2017 **TEACH Test Panelist**, English Assessment Program, University of Oklahoma

Other Service:

2009-2011 **Domestic Violence Advocate**, Family Crisis Center, Rexburg, Idaho

STUDENT MENTORING AND ADVISING

M.A. Committee Chair:

2022- Present. Jane Carlson Smith
2021-2022 Emley Holcombe
2020-2022 Mackenzie Heim

M.A. Committee Member:

2022-Present. Lorres Wan Cheung Jensen
2019-2021 Kirstie Weyland
2018-2020 Tacey Shurtliff

Mentoring of Undergraduate/Graduate Students in Directed Readings and/or Research:

2019 Tacey Shurtliff, Jacob Harris
2020 Szilvia Biró, Amy Maher, Kayci Muirbrook
2021 Brianna Platt, Emley Holcombe, Amber White, Mackenzie Heim
2022 Ashley Kernan, Brock Christensen, Lauren Agee
2023 Casey Wawro, Jane Carlson Smith, Hannah Dixon Everett, Lorres Jensen

Global Women's Studies Capstone Mentoring:

2023 Meggan Green
2021 Michelle Greenwood
2020 Emley Holcombe

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